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SUBJECT: ANGOLA IN THE ZAMBIAN PRESS - JANUARY 23/24

1. SECGEN OF ZAIRE S RULING MPR KARL I BON ARRIVED LUSAKA JANUARY 23 WITH MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU FOR PRESIDENT KAUNDA. BOND TOLD WAITING REPORTERS HIS TALKS WITH KAUNDA WOULD CONCERN ANGOLA. HE STATED THAT POLICY OF ZAIRE IS SAME AS THAT OF ZAMBIA AND ADDED, ACCORDING TO PRESS, THAT ANGOLAN PROBLEM CANNOT BE SOLVED MILITARILY BUT ONLY POLITICALLY.

2. ARTICLE IN TIMES OF ZAMBIA JANUARY 24, APPARENTLY BASED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, ASSERTS SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS HAVE BEGUN TO WITHDRAW FROM ANGOLA, FORMING "LAST DEFENSE LINE" NORTH OF LOBITO
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TO COVER THEIR RETREAT. STATES SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE ALREADY

PULLED BACK IN ORDERLY MANNER FROM CELA AND NOVO REDONDO. ARTICLE QUOTES INFORMED SOURCES IN JOHANNESBURG AS SAYING TOTAL WITHDRAWAL DECIDED UPON AFTER FAILURE OF WESTERN COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT SOUTH AFRICA IN FIGHT AGAINST SOVIET-BACKED MPLA AND ITS CUBAN ALLIES. UNITA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY JORGE SANGUBA QUOTED AS SAYING IN LUSAKA THAT "NEXT WEEK YOU WILL NOT SEE ANY WHITE FACES WITH US."

3. ROY INNIS OF CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY HAS BEEN IN LUSAKA THIS WEEK AT HEAD OF FOKN-MAN DELEGATION LOOKING INTO SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. INNIS MEETING JANUARY 22 WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA TOGETHER WITH PHOTO OF TWO MEN SHAKING HANDS WAS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED FRONT PAGES OF BOTH ZAMBIAN DAILY PAPERS. INNIS AND CORE PARTY DEPARTED LUSAKA JANUARY 23 ON UNITA-ARRANGED VISIT TO ANGOLA. ZAMBIA PRESS QUOTES INNIS AS SAYING TRIP WILL GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS UNITA POSITVQN AND ITS AID REQUIREMENTS. INNIS REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT UNLESS US STRIKES BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN UNITA/FNAL AND MPLA, THERE WERE NO CHANCES OF ESTABLISHING GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ANGOLA.
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